

Portable Fire Extinguishers



OSHA regulations require that all personnel trained in the use of portable fire extinguishers receive an annual refresher. This handout constitutes your information refresher. If you feel a need for a repeat of the class, contact EH&S Training at x7366.

FIRES ARE GROUPED INTO FOUR CLASSES:

- Class A — Ordinary Combustible (Wood, paper, etc.)
- Class B — Flammable Liquids, Gases and Greases (gasoline, solvents, etc.)
- Class C — Energized Electrical
- Class D — Combustible Metals (Magnesium, Titanium, etc.)

TYPES OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

- Water — Class A
- Regular Dry Chemical — Class B and C
- Carbon Dioxide — Class B and C
- All Purpose Dry Chemical — Class A, B, and C
- Dry Powder — Class D

EXTINGUISHER ACTIVATION:

- P — Pull the Pin
- A — Aim the Nozzle
- S — Squeeze the handle
- S — Sweep the Fire



If you have a fire: CALL 7911. The proper extinguisher can help you to control a small fire.